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GRADUATION OF THE 83RD GREENSBORO POLICE ACADEMY

Greensboro, NC – The Greensboro Police Department announces the graduation of the 83rd Session of the Police Basic Introductory Course (PBIC) scheduled for Thursday March 24, 2005 in the West Wing of the Greensboro Coliseum's Special Events Center. The ceremony will begin promptly at 1PM. Thirty-seven (37) Greensboro Police Cadets are scheduled to graduate from over 26 weeks of intensive Police Academy Training involving physical, mental, and academic challenges in preparation for assuming the role of a Greensboro Police Officer.

The graduation ceremony will also include a special presentation made by the 83rd Academy Class to retiring City Manager Ed Kitchen in honor of his 30 years of committed and professional service to the citizens of Greensboro.

The graduation of the 83rd Police Academy is a result of the City Council's approval for additional police manpower in the 2004-2005 budget process. Following graduation, these officers will be assigned to the various patrol divisions and begin patrolling the streets of Greensboro with Police Training Officer Coaches for the next 14 weeks. Following field training, these 37 officers will be assigned to solo patrol assignments throughout the City to supplement police service delivery. These positions are an initial installment of organizational enhancements in the agency's stated mission of *making Greensboro a Safer and Better City*.

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